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1. The Berlin Conference has aroused considerable anxiety in Poland, and the Poles are fearful lest the Western powers, particularly France and Great Britain, will make an agreement with the Soviet Union—even at the cost of other countries. President Eisenhower's message, as it relates to the liberation of nations under the Soviet yoke, was favorably received and discussed in Poland, but the apprehension engendered by the Berlin Conference has relegated the President's message to oblivion.
2. It is rumored in Poland that Boleslaw Bierut was in Moscow when the Soviet Union accepted the date for the Berlin Conference and that immediately upon Bierut's return to Poland from Moscow, the Party congress, already arranged for, was postponed until the end of March. The Poles fear that the time is not far distant when Poland and the other Satellite countries will be incorporated into the Soviet Union; they feel everything is being directed to this end.
3. The Communist Party (PZPR) has come out openly against the church by demanding that Party members, and especially the activists, cease attending church. This edict applies as well to the wives and children of Communist Party members, and many tragic consequences have ensued. As an example, [redacted] Adamek, a Communist Party member [redacted] [redacted] became, in time, a Party activist, and as such was forced to propagate atheism. Because his wife and children are pious Catholics, Adamek for a time held out against Party pressure, but eventually was obliged to try to convert his family to atheism. [redacted] returning home in a highly emotional state from a secret Party meeting, destroyed all the religious pictures in his home and burned them. He loudly denied the existence of God. Neighbors, attracted by the commotion, came in and tried to calm him; Adamek's hysterical outburst was followed by abject contrition and physical collapse, and he was taken to a hospital where he is still confined.

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